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SUBJ: CERTIFICATE OF RECIPROCITY

1. LOCAL LAWYER REPRESENTING LUMMUS COMPANY HAS ASKED USINT TO PROVIDE "CERTIFICATE OF RECIPROCITY" STATING US LAW ALLOWS IRAQI FIRMS TO ESTABLISH BRANCHES IN US. LUMMUS, WHICH IN JOINT VENTURE WITH THYSSSEN COMPANY OF GERMANY RECENTLY RECEIVED 1.1 BILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR A PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX IN BASRA, NEEDS CERTIFICATE TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF IRAQI REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES TO ESTABLISH BRANCH OFFICE IN IRAQ. LUMMUS LAWYER REQUESTS USINT PROVIDE CERTIFICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. AS LUMMUS PROJECT IS LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT US BUSINESS VENTURE IN IRAQ SINCE GOI LIFTED RESTRICTIONS THREE YEARS AGO, WE ARE EAGER TO ASSIST. SO AS NOT TO IMPEDE PROJECT, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (1) ON US LAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNED AND (2) AS TO WHETHER USINT OR SOME AGENCY IN WASHINGTON IS APPROPRIATE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUCH DOCUMENTATION. IF USINT CAN ISSUE CERTIFICATE, PLEASE GIVE STANDARD TEXT.

3. COMMENT: AS THIS REQUEST IS FIRST USINT HAS RECEIVED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF RECIPROCITY WE VERIFIED REQUIREMENT WITH ANOTHER LOCAL LAWYER. HE SAID THAT IT IS ISSUED IN SOME CASES BY EMBASSY OF COUNTRY CONCERNED AND IN OTHERS BY COUNTRY'S FOREIGN MINISTRY. IRAQI REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FREQUENTLY WAIVES THIS REQUIREMENT IF PREVIOUS CASES HAVE ESTABLISHED FACT OF RECIPROCITY. END COMMENT.

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